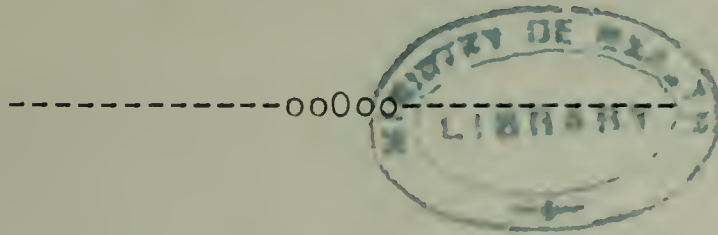


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SADDLEWORTH



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1946.

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Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
St. Chad's,  
Uppermill,  
nr. Oldham,  
30th September, 1947.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Saddleworth Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report  
on the health of the District for the year 1946.

The Report is again much abbreviated, in accordance  
with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, but an  
endeavour has been made to embrace the most important details,  
and, particularly, those which indicate the state of health  
of the District.

I take this opportunity of tendering my best thanks  
to the officials of the Council, the staff of the Health Depart-  
ment, and especially to the Senior Sanitary Inspector for  
valuable help and co-operation at all times.

I desire also to express to the members of the  
Health Committee, my appreciation of the courtesy and considera-  
tion they have always displayed towards me.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

*P. B. Wood*

Medical Officer of Health.

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:  
P.B.Wood, M.B., Ch.B.,

Senior Sanitary Inspector:  
J.H.Platt, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.,

Additional Sanitary Inspector:  
H.P.Grayshon, A.R.San.I.

Clerical Staff:  
Mrs.H.Hodge.

1. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area: 18,485 acres.

Population: Estimated mid-1946 - 16,270

Number of inhabited houses at end of 1946 according to  
Rate Books - 5825.

Rateable Value: £103,602.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate - £400.

Chief Industries are Woollen, Calico-printing, Engineering, Paper and Wallpaper manufacture, Plastics, and Dairy-farming.

VITAL STATISTICSBIRTHS

|                           | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Live Births - Legitimate  | 135          | 121            | 256          |
| Illegitimate              | 6            | 4              | 10           |
| Total                     | 141          | 125            | 266          |
| Still Births - Legitimate | 6            | 4              | 10           |
| Illegitimate              | -            | -              | -            |
| Total                     | 6            | 4              | 10           |

DEATHS

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:-

|                        | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Legitimate             | 6            | 2              | 8            |
| Illegitimate           | -            | -              | -            |
| Total                  | 6            | 2              | 8            |
| Deaths in District     | 78           | 79             | 157          |
| Deaths out of District | 46           | 23             | 69           |
| Total                  | 124          | 102            | 226          |



SADDLEWORTH URBAN DISTRICTPRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1946.Based on Registrar-General's figures.

|  | Saddle-<br>worth<br>Urban<br>District | Aggre-<br>gate<br>West Rid-<br>ing Urban<br>Districts. | West Rid-<br>ing Admin.<br>County. | England<br>& Wales<br>Provision-<br>al<br>figures. |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| BIRTH RATE<br>per 1,000 estimated<br>population.   | 16.3                                  | 19.5   | 19.7                               | 19.1   |
| DEATH RATES<br>All per 1,000 estimated<br>population<br>All Causes   | 13.9                                  | 12.4   | 11.9                               | 11.5   |
| Zymotic Diseases (seven<br>principal)  | 0.12                                  | 0.12   | 0.13                               | -  |
| Tuberculosis of Respiratory<br>System,   | 0.18                                  | 0.37   | 0.36                               | 0.46   |
| Other Forms of<br>Tuberculosis   | 0.06                                  | 0.67   | 0.08                               | 0.08   |
| Respiratory Diseases<br>(excluding tuberculosis<br>of respiratory system).                                       | 1.54                                  | 1.36   | 1.31                               | -  |
| Cancer   | 2.58                                  | 1.82   | 1.72                               | 1.84   |
| Heart and Circulatory<br>Diseases.   | 3.56                                  | 3.91   | 3.70                               | -  |
| INFANT MORTALITY<br>(Deaths under one year<br>per 1,000 live Births  | 30                                    | 43   | 44                                 | 43   |
| DIARRHOEA<br>(Deaths in infants under<br>2 years of age per 1,000<br>live births.                                | 3.76                                  | 4.01   | 4.26                               | 4.4  |
| MATERNAL MORTALITY<br>(Deaths of mothers in child-<br>birth per 1,000 live and<br>still births) Puerperal Sepsis | Nil                                   | 0.49   | 0.46                               | 0.31   |
| Other Causes   | 3.62                                  | 1.16   | 1.34                               | 1.12   |
| Total  | 3.62                                  | 1.65   | 1.80                               | 1.43   |

Combined death rate from smallpox (if any), scarlet fever, enteric fever, diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, also diarrhoea in infants under 2 years of age.

Combined death rate from bronchitis, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases, excluding tuberculosis of the respiratory system.

Combined death rate from Heart Disease and other diseases of the circulatory system,

Figures not available.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

|  | <u>Total</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid                      | -            | -            | -              |
| Measles                                      | -            | -            | -              |
| Scarlet Fever                                | -            | -            | -              |
| Whooping Cough                               | 1            | -            | 1              |
| Diphtheria                                   | -            | -            | -              |
| Influenza                                    | 1            | -            | 1              |
| Encephalitis Lethargica                      | -            | -            | -              |
| Cerebro-Spinal Fever                         | -            | -            | -              |
| Tuberculosis of Respiratory System(Phthisis) | 3            | 3            | -              |
| Other tuberculosis diseases                  | 1            | -            | 1              |
| Syphilitic Diseases                          | -            | -            | -              |
| <u>Cancer</u>                                |              |              |                |
| Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus       | 2            | 2            | -              |
| Cancer of uterus                             | 4            | -            | 4              |
| Cancer of stomach and duodenum               | 10           | 8            | 2              |
| Cancer of breast                             | 4            | -            | 4              |
| Cancer of all other sites                    | 22           | 13           | 9              |
| Diabetes                                     | 5            | 2            | 3              |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.                   | 30           | 14           | 16             |
| Heart Disease                                | 51           | 30           | 21             |
| Other Circulatory Diseases                   | 7            | 5            | 2              |
| Bronchitis                                   | 19           | 11           | 8              |
| Pneumonia                                    | 4            | 3            | 1              |
| Other Respiratory Diseases                   | 2            | 2            | -              |
| Peptic Ulcer                                 | 3            | 3            | -              |
| Diarrhoea (under 2 years)                    | 1            | 1            | -              |
| Appendicitis                                 | 1            | 1            | -              |
| Other Digestive Diseases                     | 4            | 3            | 1              |
| Nephritis                                    | 8            | 2            | 6              |
| Puerperal Sepsis                             | -            | -            | -              |
| Other Maternal Causes                        | 1            | -            | 1              |
| Premature Birth                              | 3            | 2            | 1              |
| Infant Birth Injuries                        | 2            | 2            | -              |
| Suicide                                      | 3            | 2            | 1              |
| Other Violent Causes                         | 5            | 4            | 1              |
| All other Causes                             | 27           | 11           | 16             |
| Road Traffic Accidents                       | 2            | 2            | -              |
| Acute Polio-Myelitis and polio encephalitis  | -            | -            | -              |
| Totals                                       | 226          | 126          | 100            |

LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are provided by the County Council Laboratories at Wakefield, where pathological material is examined, free of charge, for suspected diphtheria, tuberculosis, typhoid fever, etc. Also, the water and milk supplied are examined from time to time. Arrangements also have been made with the Oldham Laboratory Board for the examination of diphtheria swabs from the Council's area.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Infectious cases were removed to Hospital in the motor ambulances of the Oldham Corporation.

For general purposes, i.e., Medical, Surgical and Maternity cases and Accidents, the motor ambulances of the Oldham Corporation and Mossley Corporation were used, by agreement with these Authorities.

NURSING IN THE HOME

Home nursing is carried out in the area by the Nurses of the following District Nursing Associations which are affiliated to the West Riding Nursing Association:

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Dobcross and Delph   | 1 Nurse-midwife |
| Uppermill and Diggle | 1 Nurse-midwife |
| Greenfield           | 1 Nurse-midwife |
| Springhead           | 1 Nurse )       |
|                      | 1 Midwife       |

The Springhead Midwife also attends cases in Denshaw.

Your Council allows an annual grant of £30 to each of the above Associations.

CLINICS

The following Clinics are under the auspices of the West Riding County Council:

Child Welfare:

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Uppermill - Mechanics Institute, Lee Street. |            |
| Wednesday                                    | 2 - 4 p.m. |
| Springhead - Congregational School           |            |
| Friday                                       | 2 - 4 p.m. |
| Delph - Independent Sunday School            |            |
| Tuesday                                      | 2 - 4 p.m. |
| Greenfield - Wesleyan School                 |            |
| Thursday                                     | 2 - 4 p.m. |

Ante-Natal:

|                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Uppermill - Mechanics Institute    |                         |
| Fourth Thursday of month           | 9.30.a.m. to 11.30.a.m. |
| Springhead - Congregational School |                         |
| Second Monday of month             | 2.0.p.m. to 4.0.p.m.    |
| Delph - Independent Sunday School  |                         |
| Second Thursday of month           | 2.0.p.m.                |



## HOSPITALS - PUBLIC AND VOLUNTARY

### Infectious Fever Hospital

Saddleworth has none of its own. Cases are sent to Hospitals of neighbouring Authorities at our expense; but we have no definite legal arrangement with such Authorities. All infectious cases have been sent to Westhulme, Oldham.

### Smallpox Hospital

Saddleworth has an old house on the hillside at Runninghill, Diggle, which has in the past served as a Smallpox Hospital.

### General Hospitals

Medical and Surgical cases from here are sent to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oldham Royal Infirmary, Ashton Infirmary, and, less frequently, to Huddersfield Infirmary.

A sum of £150 is contributed by the Saddleworth Urban District Council to the Saddleworth Medical Charities, which disburses its funds to the various local hospitals.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### Water Supply

Obtained from the Reservoirs of the Ashton and Joint Board, and Oldham Corporations. The supply is continuous, and has been satisfactory.

There are many houses which, by reason of their remote positions, are not on the public supply. These obtain their water from Springs and Wells, and two have been closed during the year.

As the water supply is, practically in all cases, (both Reservoirs and Wells) obtained from the Millstone Grit Formation, it is soft on account of peat; but precautions have been taken against its lead-dissolving properties.

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Number of dwelling-houses on private supply                        | 4489 |
| Number of dwelling-houses not on private supply -                  | 1336 |
| Number of dwelling-houses put on water supply during the year 1946 | 60   |

The piped supply of water to the District was twice chemically examined during the year 1946, and found to be satisfactory.

Twenty-nine samples from private supplies were examined during the year. Seven were unsatisfactory.

### Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act (1944)

During the year a preliminary survey of 300 premises was made in connection with the above. There are still approximately 1,000 to be done.

### Drainage and Sewerage.

There are still many areas requiring sewerage which are so situated that they could be connected to the public sewerage.

There have been no major extensions of the sewerage during the year.



SANITARY ACCOMMODATION (at the end of 1946):

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Number of Water Closets  | 4742 |
| Number of Waste Water Closets                                    | 619  |
| Number of Pail Closots   | 650  |
| Number of Pail Closets converted<br>to Water-Closets during 1946 | 2    |
| Water Closets for new houses                                     | -    |
| Additional Closets provided for<br>old property.                 | 12   |
| Water-Closets previously supplied<br>by spring water.            | 31   |

PUBLIC CLEANSING:

The Council employ nine men using three specially-designed waggons for the removal of household refuse, and one waggon with tank for nightsoil. House refuse is collected fortnightly, and trade refuse twice per week, in most instances. Pail closets are emptied weekly.

The household refuse is disposed of by the controlled-tipping system. The nightsoil is now emptied into the sewer at the old Sewage Works' Site, Dobcross.

There is no Destructor in the District.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA:

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of premises visited         | 867 |
| Number of nuisances discovered     | 822 |
| Number of nuisances abated         | 663 |
| Number of Informal Notices served  | 155 |
| Number of Statutory Notices served | 17  |
| Number of Legal Proceedings        | nil |

SHOPS AND OFFICES:

Fourteen inspections were carried out under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934, and the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

CAMPING SITES:

There are two camping sites in the District - one at Wood Camping Ground at Denshaw, and the other at Summershades, Grasscroft. The latter site is licensed by the Council for camping purposes.

SMOKE ABATEMENT:

Five observations, each of thirty minutes' duration, were taken during the year.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS:

There are now no swimming pools in the District.

ERADICATION OF BED-BUGS:

No case of infestation was found in any house during the year.

OFFENSIVE TRADES:

There are two offensive trades established in the District, i.e., size-making and soap-boiling.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES:

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the District.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS:

Regular visits were paid to Factories and Workshops, under the Factories Act, 1937, and satisfactory conditions were found.

SCHOOLS:

Eight visits were paid to Schools during the year, and the conditions noted.

HOUSING:

It is apparent that there is still a considerable number of back-to-back type and substandard houses in the District, and I feel that the only method of dealing with the problem is for a complete survey to be made of all property in the area, in order that plans can be formulated against the time when it is possible to make full use of the provisions of the Housing Act.

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. INSPECTION of dwelling-houses during the year:
  - (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 528
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 528
2.
  - (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 -
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose, approximately -
3. Number of dwelling-houses found in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation: -
4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation: 72

REMEDY OF DEFECTS during the year without service of Formal Notices:

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers: 53

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS during the year:

A - Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs: -
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices: -



ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS during the year (continued):

- (a) By owners -
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners -

## B. - Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied: 17
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices
  - (a) By owners 17
  - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners -

## C. - Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made: -
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders: -

## D. - Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made: -
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered for: -

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936 - Part IV.- Overcrowding:

- (a) Revised survey necessary to ascertain a reasonably accurate position.

5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD:

## (a) MILK SUPPLY.

During 1946, seventeen samples of milk were examined by the biological test for tuberculosis and were found satisfactory. Thirty-eight were also submitted for bacteriological examination, the standards adopted being the methylene blue, phosphatase and coliform tests. Twenty-two samples were satisfactory, and sixteen unsatisfactory.

It has not been possible for the whole of the farms in the District to be adequately inspected during the year.

When a cow is suspected of suffering from any disease, the County Police arrange for a local veterinary surgeon to examine the animal.

## (b) MEAT.-

Routine inspections are made of meat-shops, etc., and the Clean Meat Regulations are enforced. All diseased meat is at once seized by the Sanitary Inspector.



# 6. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE

During 1946, cases of infectious disease requiring hospital treatment were removed to the Westhulme Hospital, Oldham, by arrangement with the Oldham Corporation.

Twenty-four cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year as against thirty-five in 1945; and of the twenty-four cases fourteen were removed to Hospital for treatment.

Nine cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year, compared with four in the previous year. Of the nine cases, seven were removed to Hospital for treatment. None was fatal. All cases were over the age of fifteen years.

The Council has authorised the free provision of Diphtheria Antitoxin for the use of Saddleworth residents, and it is always available to the Medical Practitioners.

Twelve throat swabs were reported upon to the Authority by the Oldham Pathological Board.

Free immunisation against Diphtheria is provided for any pre-school or school child, and is performed by local Medical Practitioners under their own arrangements, and at the schools and Child Welfare Clinics.

Measles of a mild type was prevalent during the year, especially during the months of October, November and December.

TABLE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1946

| Notifiable Diseases       | Total Cases Notified | Cases Admitted to Hospital | Total Deaths |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Smallpox                  | 0                    | 0                          | 0            |
| Scarlet Fever             | 24                   | 14                         | 0            |
| Diphtheria                | 9                    | 7                          | 0            |
| Puerperal Pyrexia         | 0                    | 0                          | 0            |
| Pneumonia                 | 11                   | 0                          | 4            |
| Erysipelas                | 3                    | 1                          | 0            |
| Whooping Cough            | 34                   | 1                          | 1            |
| Measles                   | 102                  | 0                          | 0            |
| Cerebro Spinal Meningitis | 0                    | 0                          | 0            |
| Totals                    | <u>183</u>           | <u>23</u>                  | <u>5</u>     |

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION IN RELATION TO CHILD POPULATION:

|  | <u>1946</u> | <u>1945</u> | <u>1944</u> | <u>1943</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>Estimated mid-year child population:</u>      |             |             |             |             |
| Under 5 years                                    | 1230        | 966         |             |             |
| 5-15 years                                       | <u>1920</u> | <u>1990</u> |             |             |
| Total under 15 years                             | <u>3150</u> | <u>2956</u> |             |             |
| <u>Number of children immunised during year:</u> |             |             |             |             |
| Under 5 years                                    | 235         | 176         | 150         | 92          |
| 5-15 years                                       | <u>141</u>  | <u>35</u>   | <u>66</u>   | <u>106</u>  |
| Total under 15 years                             | <u>376</u>  | <u>211</u>  | <u>216</u>  | <u>198</u>  |

6. (continued)

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION IN RELATION TO CHILD POPULATION

|   | <u>1946</u> | <u>1945</u> | <u>1944</u> | <u>1943</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>Total number of children immunised at 31st December, 1946:</u> |             |             |             |             |
| Under 5 years   | 430         | 723         |             |             |
| 5-15 years  | 1647        | 1502        |             |             |
| Total under 15 years  | <u>2077</u> | <u>2225</u> |             |             |

Percentage of Child population considered immunised at 31st December, 1946:

|               |      |       |       |       |
|---------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Under 5 years | 34.8 | 74.8% | 39.2% | 35.9% |
| 5-15 years    | 85.7 | 75.4% | 89.3% | 85.3% |

The percentage of child population immunised at 31st December, 1946 - 69.1%.

DIPHTHERIA NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS IN RELATION TO IMMUNISATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1946.

| <u>Notifications</u>                |                                  |  | <u>Deaths</u>               | <u>No. of</u> | <u>No. of</u>  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------|--|
| <u>Age at date of notification.</u> | <u>Number of cases notified.</u> | <u>Number of cases included in preceding columns in which the child had completed a full course of immunisation.</u> | <u>Age at date of death</u> | <u>Deaths</u> | <u>cases included in preceding columns in which the child had completed a full course of immunisation.</u> |
| Under 1                             | -                                | -  | Under 1                     | -             | -  |
| 1                                   | -                                | -  | 1                           | -             | -  |
| 2                                   | -                                | -  | 2                           | -             | -  |
| 3                                   | -                                | -  | 3                           | -             | -  |
| 4                                   | -                                | -  | 4                           | -             | -  |
| 5-9                                 | -                                | -  | 5-9                         | -             | -  |
| 10-14                               | -                                | -  | 10-14                       | -             | -  |
| Totals                              | -                                | -  | -                           | -             | -  |

DISINFECTION:

Disinfection of premises and materials is carried out by the staff of the Health Department.

All dwelling-houses are dealt with on death, removal to Hospital, or release from isolation of infectious cases.

During 1946 forty-nine houses were disinfected by the Department.

Houses are disinfected by the method of Formalin Spray or Sulphur Dioxide, and it is usual in the District to disinfect after Phthisis, but not as a routine after Measles and Whooping-cough.

CANCER:

Forty-two deaths (twenty-three males and nineteen females) were certified as due to cancer during the year compared with thirty-six in 1945. Facilities for radium treatment are available to Saddleworth residents at the Radium Institute, Manchester, and at the Oldham Royal and Ashton District Infirmary which, for this purpose, is a sub-clinic of the Manchester Centre.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS:

No local action has been taken under Section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936, for the prevention of blindness, or for the treatment of persons suffering from any disease of, or injury to, the eyes.

The Administration of the Blind Persons Act, 1920, is undertaken in this area by the Staff of the County Medical Officer of Health.

TUBERCULOSIS:

This Service is under the control of the West Riding County Council, and Saddleworth cases attend at the County Dispensary, Court Street, Uppermill.

Seven new cases of tuberculosis were notified during 1946, all being cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.. Three deaths from Pulmonary, and one from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were registered during the year. The subjoined Table shows the new cases of Tuberculosis, and the deaths in age groups.

TUBERCULOSIS

| Age<br>Periods     | NEW CASES         |                       |                   |                       | DEATHS            |                       |                   |                       |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
|                    | Respiratory<br>M. | Non-respiratory<br>F. | Respiratory<br>M. | Non-respiratory<br>F. | Respiratory<br>M. | Non-respiratory<br>F. | Respiratory<br>M. | Non-respiratory<br>F. |
| 0 - 1              | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     |
| 1 - 5              | 1                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     |
| 5 - 10             | 1                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     |
| 10 - 15            | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     |
| 15 - 20            | -                 | 1                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     |
| 20 - 25            | 1                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     |
| 25 - 35            | 1                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | 1                     |
| 35 - 45            | 1                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | 2                 | -                     | -                 | -                     |
| 45 - 55            | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     |
| 55 - 65            | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | 1                 | -                     | -                 | -                     |
| 65 & Up-<br>wards. | 1                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     | -                 | -                     |
| Totals             | 6                 | 1                     | -                 | -                     | 3                 | -                     | -                 | 1                     |

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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1946.

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Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
Uppermill,  
near Oldham.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Urban District of Saddleworth.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my first Annual Report  
on the work of the Department for the year 1946.

With a view to minimising a repetition of similar  
details, the bulk of the matter which is normally included in  
the Sanitary Inspector's Report has been incorporated in that  
of the Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Area                            | 18,485   |
| Population                      | 16,270   |
| Number of inhabited houses      | 5,625    |
| Rateable Value                  | £103,802 |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate | £400.    |

STATEMENT AS TO PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT  
AND THEIR ACCOMMODATION.

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Number of houses           | 5,825 |
| Factories and Workshops    |       |
| Lock-up Shops, etc.        | 186   |
| Pail-closets               | 650   |
| Water-closets              | 4,742 |
| Waste Water-closets        | 619   |
| Earth-closets              | 88    |
| Ashpits (covered and open) | 87    |
| Ashbins                    | 4,378 |

Two pail-closets were converted to fresh-water closets,  
and twelve additional water-closets were provided for old property.  
Thirty-one water-closets previously supplied by spring water were  
put on town's water supply.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Total number of inspections made   | 867 |
| Number of nuisances found          |     |
| requiring abatement.               | 822 |
| Number of nuisances abated         | 663 |
| Number of Informal Notices served  | 155 |
| Number of Informal Notices         |     |
| complied with                      | 138 |
| Number of Statutory Notices served | 17  |
| Number of Statutory Notices        |     |
| complied with.                     | 17  |

Considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining  
building and housing repair work carried out, due to shortage of  
labour and materials.

PETROLEUM LICENCES

Twenty-six licences for the storage of Petroleum Spirit, and one for Calcium Carbide were granted during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES

Sixty houses previously supplied from private sources, were connected to a main piped supply during the year.

Twenty-nine samples of water were taken during the year.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS

One hundred and eighty-four visits were made during the year to dairy farms, and improvements were carried out at several shippens and dairies in the District.

Thirty-eight samples of milk were examined bacteriologically. Twenty-two were found to be satisfactory, and sixteen unsatisfactory.

Six applications for licences for milk production were granted during the year.

There are eleven licences in force for the production of Accredited Milk, and seven for the production of Tuberculin Tested Milk.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

One slaughterhouse has been in use in the District during 1946. This was used for the slaughter of horses.

FOOD INSPECTION

During the year forty-two visits were made in connection with food inspection, and the following foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption:-

|     |         |                             |
|-----|---------|-----------------------------|
| 122 | tins    | condensed & evaporated milk |
| 82  | "       | dried milk                  |
| 86  | "       | vegetables                  |
| 95  | "       | meat                        |
| 79  | "       | fish                        |
| 16  | "       | fruit                       |
| 6   | "       | steak puddings              |
| 6   | "       | meat and vegetables         |
| 4   | "       | tomatoes                    |
| 33  | packets | cereals                     |
| 22  | lbs     | sugar                       |
| 3½  | lbs     | butter                      |
| 5   | stones  | wet fish.                   |

SCAVENGING

During the year the disposal of refuse in the District was seriously hampered by the condition of the present vehicles, and it is my intention to recommend to the Committee in the near future that these vehicles be replaced as early as possible.

SALVAGE OF WASTE MATERIALS

The Council employ three men on salvage work at the Walk Mill Tip, Dobcross, where three paper-baling machines and one tin-baling machine are in use.

The following Tables show the weights and values of salvage sold during the year:-

|                      | <u>Weight</u> |    |     |      | <u>Value</u> |     |     |
|----------------------|---------------|----|-----|------|--------------|-----|-----|
|                      | T.            | C. | Q.  | Lbs. | £.           | s.  | d.  |
| Paper                | 76.16.        | 0. | 0.  |      | 503.         | 19. | 7.  |
| Paper tubes          | 1.11.         | 3. | 0.  |      | 3.           | 19. | 4.  |
| Tins                 | 22. 6.        | 3. | 0.  |      | 31.          | 5.  | 4.  |
| Scrap Iron           | 5.17.         | 1. | 0.  |      | 6.           | 5.  | 8.  |
| Textiles             | 4. 8.         | 2. | 2.  |      | 35.          | 9.  | 10. |
| Rags                 | 13.           | 1. | 9.  |      | 9.           | 6.  | 7.  |
| Sacking              | 8.            | 0. | 14. |      | 1.           | 4.  | 4.  |
| Bones                | 7.            | 0. | 26. |      | 1.           | 14. | 3.  |
| String               | 2.            | 3. | 17  |      |              | 14. | 6.  |
| Carpets              | 2.            | 2. | 0.  |      |              | 6.  | 3.  |
| Lead                 | 1.            | 3. | 6.  |      |              | 16. | 10. |
| Aluminium            | 1.            | 3. | 4.  |      | 2.           | 4.  | 8.  |
| Woollens             |               | 1. | 10. |      | 1.           | 3.  | 9.  |
| Brass                |               | 2. | 14. |      |              | 11. | 3.  |
| Copper               |               | 2. | 12. |      |              | 18. | 2.  |
| Bottles              | 1.            | 2. | 2.  | 0.   | 1.           | 13. | 9.  |
| Bottles (3622 dozen) |               |    |     |      | 107.         | 12. | 9.  |
| Totals               | 114.          | 2. | 0.  | 2.   | £709.        | 6.  | 10. |

Comparative totals for the years 1944 and 1945

|      | T.   | C.  | Q. | Lbs. | £.    | s. | d. |
|------|------|-----|----|------|-------|----|----|
| 1944 | 242. | 10. | 3. | 6.   | 1044. | 6. | 5. |
| 1945 | 146. | 10. | 2. | 26.  | 657.  | 2. | 4. |

In March, Mr. Grayshon, Additional Sanitary Inspector, took up his appointment, and much useful work was done in connection with the compiling of necessary records, and the inspection of farms.

A number of areas were investigated in respect of water supply and sewerage schemes.

In concluding my Report, I wish to thank the Chairman, Vice-Chairman of the Health Committee, and Members and Officials of the Council for their kindness and co-operation during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. H. Ball*

Senior Sanitary Inspector.



